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FEBRUARY MILK PRICES DECREASED FROM JANUARY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during February were down from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of wheat, hay, and apples also decreased. The price of corn and potatoes increased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$16.70 per hundredweight of milk sold during February, down 10 cents from January but \$4.50 more than February a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$3.78 per bushel, was up 9 cents from January but decreased 79 cents from last year. Wheat, at \$5.17 per bushel, was down 38 cents from January and down \$1.15 from February a year ago. Hay averaged \$105.00 per ton, down \$9 from January and \$22 lower than prices received February 2009. Potatoes averaged \$12.30 per hundredweight, up 20 cents from January but down \$1.40 from last year at this time. Apples, at 19.9 cents per hundredweight, were down .8 cents from January and 6.4 cents from last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 6 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 7 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received lower prices for corn, soybeans, lettuce, and eggs and higher prices for cattle, oranges, onions, and sweet corn. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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